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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is also attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants have been unable to obtain a complete copy or an English abstract of Hungarian Patent No. 173556; please note that U.S. Patent 3,743,098 is the U.S. equivalent of Hungarian Patent No. 173556.

No further fees are believed necessary for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column.

The re-allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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